

Inadequate transport facilities to the Members of Legislature

† Sri AZEEZ SAIT (Narasimharaja).—I would like to bring to the notice of the Chair that Sri Y. S. Patil, hon. Member of the Council took ill yesterday night and when a car was needed to take him to the hospital, no car was available for 2½ hours. He had to be admitted to hospital in Mr. Bangarappa's car and probably he is undergoing some operation. Similarly, when Mr. Chandrakant's wife had to be taken to hospital, from the General Hostel, we phoned to the Legislators' Home, no action was taken. The doctor was not prepared to come without the car.

Ultimately he came and gave injection. If this is the way the members of the legislature are to be treated, I do not know what to say. Why not you say that the members should make their own arrangements? At least that would be better. Why should the members be treated as orphans? Is it not a disgrace? Everything is spent and everything is looked after in the case of Ministers, Chairman and Speaker. Do you mean to say that the Government is meant only for Ministers? Each member of the legislature must be taken care of. None of the officers care to look after the members. Even the charges for the taxis in the Legislators' Home are more than what are paid for ordinary taxis. I want you to take proper care and look to the convenience of the members especially sick members.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I shall look into it.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಂಗಾರಪ್ಪ.—ನಿನ್ನೆ ಶ್ರೀ ವೈ. ಎಸ್. ಪಾಟೀಲರು ಸುಮಾರು 3 ಗಂಟೆ ಕಾಲ ಅತೀವ ಹೊಟ್ಟೆ ನೋವಿನಿಂದ ತೊಂದರೆಪಟ್ಟರು. ನಾನು ಅವರನ್ನು ಕರೆದುಕೊಂಡುಹೋಗಿ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪ್ರೀಯಾ ಅಸ್ವತ್ಥಗೆ ಸೇರಿಸಿದೆ. ರಾತ್ರಿ ಸುಮಾರು 10 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಅಸ್ವತ್ಥಗೆ ಅವರನ್ನು ಸೇರಿಸಿದೆ. ಕಾರಿಗಾಗಿ ಫೋನ್ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಅದನ್ನು ಯಾರೂ ರಿಸೀವ್ ಮಾಡಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಒಂದು ಕಾರೂ ಕೂಡ ಇರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಇಳಿದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ವಸತಿಗೃಹಗಳ ಬಳಿ ಕಾರಿಗೆ ಆರೇಂಜ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಮಾಡದಿದ್ದರೆ ಕಾಯಿಲೆ ಯಾರಿಗಾದರೂ ಬಂದರೆ ಏನು ಮಾಡಬೇಕು? ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ವಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಪರವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಅಸೆಂಬ್ಲಿ ಇನ್ನೂ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿತ್ತು. ಅದರೂ ಕೂಡ ಯಾರೂ ಫೋನ್ ರಿಸೀವ್ ಮಾಡಲಿಲ್ಲ. ನನ್ನ ಕಾರು ಸರಿಯಾಗಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಟ್ಯಾಕ್ಸಿ ಕೂಡ ಸಿಕ್ಕುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಅಮೇರೆ ನನ್ನ ಕಾರು ರಿಪೇರಿಯಾದಮೇಲೆ ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರನ್ನು ಕರೆದುಕೊಂಡುಹೋಗಿ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪ್ರೀಯಾ ಅಸ್ವತ್ಥಗೆ ಸೇರಿಸಿದೆ. ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಇದುವರೆಗೆ ನೋಡಿಲ್ಲ, ತಮಗೆ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯ ಎಲ್ಲ. ದಯವಿಟ್ಟು ಈಗಲಾದರೂ ನೋಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Sri AZEEZ SAIT.—Did you go and see the patient? You have got 7 or 8 cars at your disposal?

Mr. SPEAKER.—I wish to bring to the notice of the House that I take special care of all the hon. Members. I pay a visit to hospitals and request the medical officers to pay personal attention, whenever I receive information. In this case also, of course, I will follow the same practice.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—There are six or eight cars in the Legislators' Home but not a single car in the General Hostel.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I shall find out.

Statement of the Chief Minister *Re: Communal Disturbance in Hubli City.*

† Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I may be permitted to make a further statement on the communal disturbances in Hubli City.

On 10th March 1969 I have already made a statement relating to the regrettable clash that occurred in Hubli City on the afternoon of Saturday, the 8th March 1969 between the two communities. I had also indicated that a preliminary investigation disclosed that properties worth about Rs. 80,000 have been destroyed. Government have given anxious thought in regard to the relief that should be afforded to the victims. Government have now sanctioned a grant of Rs. 40,000 as relief to the victims of the communal disturbances. In addition, a sum of Rs. 40,000 is being placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner, Dharwar, for granting interest-free loans to the sufferers. Instructions are being issued to the Deputy Commissioner that the quantum of relief and loan should be determined keeping in view the financial condition of each person or family and the actual damage suffered, after making a complete assessment in consultation with the concerned authorities.

Calling Attention to a matter of Urgent Public Importance *Re: low water levy at Bhutanal tank in Bijapur.*

Sri S. S. ARAKERE (Belloli).—I beg to call the attention of the Minister of State for Municipal Administration to the situation that has arisen due to low water level at Bhutanal Tank in Bijapur.

† Sri B. M. PATIL (Minister of State for Municipal Administration).—The present water level in the tank is at R. L. 1840 (as on 1st March 1969). The present bed level in the tank is at R. L. 1830. So the depth of water in the tank is 10' and the available storage of water is 86 M. Cft. Taking into consideration the evaporation losses and the daily consumption of water from Bhutanal tank to Bijapur City at the rate of 6.25 lakh gallons per day; the present storage will last for a period of 6 months, i.e., up to the end of August 1969, by which time showers are expected and the tank will get replenished.

Besides, emergency measures that were taken up during the last summer, mainly pumping water from the local wells for non-domestic use are still being continued. As such there is no anxiety in respect of water supply to Bijapur City, as apprehended.

However, to solve the problem of recurring scarcity of water supply to Bijapur City, permanently, comprehensive water supply scheme from Krishna River as source at an estimated cost of Rs. 123.00 lakhs is being taken up expeditiously for execution.